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Madame Chairman and members of the committee, My name is Brenda and I live in Great Falls, Montana.

I am here to ask you to increase support for the DD programs in our state. I receive services through Easter Seals.

If it wasn't for Easter Seals I would be sitting home bored everyday. Easter Seals has gotten me a part time job in the community, And has taught me many skills working in the Bulk Mailroom. I've learned mailing skills, like labeling and zip sort mail, by Postal Standards.

I have been in services with Easter Seals for over 20 years. They have taught me to use public transportation, computer skills and I'm learning to type.

If it weren't for the services I've received thru Easter Seals, I would not be the independent woman I am today.

Thank You for taking the time to listen to me.